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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2655**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Livia POLANYI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2655

Application No.: 09/630,371

Examiner: B. Albertalli

Filed: August 1, 2000

Docket No.: 106699

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR WRITING ANALYSIS USING THE LINGUISTIC  
DISCOURSE MODEL

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Further to the personal interview held on November 17, 2004, this Request is in response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2004, and is believed to be fully responsive to each point of the rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-25 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicants thank the Examiners for the personal interview held on November 17, 2004. This Request constitutes Applicants' summary of the substance of the interview.

In section 9 on pages 4-8, the Office Action rejects claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,708,822 to Wical in view of Polanyi (*The Linguistic Structure of Discourse*). In section 10 on pages 8-13, the Office Action rejects claims 13-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wical in view of